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For: **A METHOD AND A SYSTEM**)
FOR DETERMINING THE)
ROUGHNESS OF A TYRE ROLLING)
SURFACE)
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and is in a non-English language:

1. Deutschland Patent Application No. DE 195 37 257 A1.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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Respectfully submitted,

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